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S. RES. 144

Commending Johan Jorgen Holst of Norway for his contribution to peace
in the Middle East.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 7), 1993

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN submitted the following resolution; which was
considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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contribution to peace in the Middle East.

Whereas the Government of Norway of Gro Harlem
Brundtland has worked assiduously to develop relation-
ships with the Government of Israel and the Palestine
Liberation Organization;

Whereas Foreign Minister Holst personally mediated negotia-
tions between Palestine Liberation Organization Chair-
man Yasser Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon
Peres which facilitated mutual recognition and hope for
a political solution to the problems of the Middle East;

Whereas many of the meetings were held in the familiar envi-
ronment of the Foreign Minister's private home so that
decades of hostility and suspicion might be overcome;

Whereas Mr. Holst created a channel “behind the scenes” which complemented the official negotiating channel established by the Madrid Process;

Whereas Mr. Holst was able to recognize new opportunities and seize them;

Whereas Mr. Holst has served in the Government of Norway as both Foreign Minister and Defense Minister for the Labor Governments of Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland; and

Whereas Mr. Holst is an expert in security issues and has studied in the United States at Columbia University and has been a research associate at Harvard’s Center for International Affairs: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends Foreign Minister Holst for his
3 vital contribution to the negotiations between the
4 Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation
5 Organization; and

6 (2) honors Mr. Holst and the Government of
7 Norway for their contribution to peace in the Middle
8 East.

9 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
10 a copy of this resolution to the President with the request
11 that he further transmit such copy to the Government of
12 Norway.

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